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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF TAIWAN FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certification shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of glanders, dourine, African horse sickness, and contagious equine metritis (CEM) for more than 5 years.
2. The animals originated from premises where equine epizootic encephalomyelitis, equine infectious anemia, epizootic lymphangitis, and equine piroplasmosis have not been known to have occurred during the 12 months prior to export.
3. The animals originated from premises where salmonellosis (*salmonella abortus equi*), horse pox, equine viral arteritis, strangles, pseudoglanders, and equine rhinopneumonitis have not been known to have occurred during the 6 months prior to export.
4. The animals were isolated from all other untested animals in a USDA-approved isolation facility under the supervision of a USDA accredited veterinarian from _____ (date) until the time of movement to the port of embarkation. The animals were inspected during the isolation period and were free from signs of infectious disease. (The isolation must be at least 14 days before the animals are moved to port of embarkation).
5. No cases of vesicular stomatitis have occurred in the state of origin during the last 12 months prior to export.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests during the USDA-approved export isolation.

1. Equine infectious anemia: Agar gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test
2. Equine viral arteritis: Serum neutralization (SN) test at 1:4 dilution

3. Vesicular stomatitis: SN test at 1:8 dilution
4. Equine piroplasmiasis: CF test at 1:5 dilution
5. Salmonellosis (*Salmonella abortus equi*): Tube agglutination test at 1:320 dilution

VACCINATIONS

Vaccination for equine influenza is allowed but must be performed at least 30 days prior to export (indicate date of vaccination and name of product used).

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The animals must be transported from the USDA approved isolation facility to the export inspection facility at the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.
2. Transshipment of the horse(s) through countries where glanders exists is not permitted.
3. "Have not been known to occur during the 6 or 12 months prior to exportation," may be interpreted as to mean, no clinical cases have been diagnosed for the mentioned diseases in certification statements 2 and 3 of these requirements.
4. No additional feed, water, or bedding can be placed aboard the ship or aircraft after departure from the United States.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a Veterinary Services port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and were found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.